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1. WE HAVE MADE THE FOLLOWING ASSESSMENTS ACCEPTING YOUR DEFINITION OF YOUTH ELIMINATING FROM CONSIDERATION IN THE YOUTH PARA " CURRENT NATIONAL LEADERS WHO HAPPEN TO BE YOUNG...". HOWEVER, WE HAVE INCLUDED IN OUR STUDY YOUNG PEOPLE IN POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY WHO HAVE NOT YET REACHED THE TOP.

2. YOUTH CATEGORIES:

YOUNG MILITARY OFFICERS 35 PERCENT

YOUNG POLITICAL LEADERS 30 PERCENT

MEDIA 10 PERCENT

YOUNG BUREAUCRATS 5 PERCENT

YOUNG LABOR LEADERS 5 PERCENT

UNIVERSITY FACULTIES OF LAW, ECONOMICS 5 PERCENT

YOUNG DISSIDENT LEADERSHIP 5 PERCENT

THE YOUTH COMMITTEE BELIEVES THAT POTENTIAL POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL LEADERSHIP IN BOLIVIA EMERGES PRIMARILY FROM THE MILITARY

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WITH POLITICAL PARTIES PROVIDING A CLOSE SECOND. YOUNG BUSINESS

LEADERS ALSO PROVIDE SOME LEADERSHIP BUT USUALLY THROUGH POLITICAL PARTIES. THE COMMITTEE WISHES TO POINT OUT THAT UNIVERSITIES DO NOT PROVIDE STUDENT LEADERS OUTSIDE OF THE POLITICAL PARTY/ MILITARY FRAMEWORK. SOME FACULTY LEADERSHIP IS PROVIDED FROM THE FACULTIES OF LAW AND ECONOMICS WHICH CONSIDERABLY INFLUENCE DECISION MAKERS AT ALL LEVELS. SOME LEADERSHIP DOES EMERGE FROM THE LABOR UNIONS.

3. OBJECTIVES:

ACCESS TO FUTURE LEADERSHIP 30 PERCENT
DEVELOP RELATIONSHIPS WITH POTENTIAL FUTURE LEADERS 30 PERCENT
CREATE AND MAINTAIN FAVORABLE ATTITUDES TOWARDS THE UNITED STATES 5 PERCENT
PROMOTE UNDERSTANDING OF US GOALS 5 PERCENT
FOSTER CLIMATE CONDUCTIVE TO BILATERAL TRADE AND INVESTMENT 10 PERCENT
ENCOURAGE COMMITMENT TO DEMOCRATIC PROCESSES AND REFORM 5 PERCENT
THROUGH THE DEVELOPMENT OF YOUTH CONTACTS UNDERSTAND AND FOLLOW POLITICAL AND SOCIAL TRENDS IN THE SOCIETY 15 PERCENT

THE YOUTH COMMITTEE BELIEVES THAT THE MOST IMPORTANT REASON FOR A YOUTH PROGRAM IS TO DEVELOP ACCESS TO FUTURE LEADERS BY CULTIVATING SOCIAL RELATIONSHIPS NOW. OF SECONDARY IMPORTANCE IS THE IDEA OF EXPLAINING US POLICY AND GOALS AND ENCOURAGING DEMOCRATIC PROCESSES. THE COMMITTEE BELIEVES THAT IN DEVELOPING A RELATIONSHIP WITH A POTENTIAL LEADER, ACCESS TO THIS PERSON IMPLIES THE ABILITY TO EXPLAIN US POLICY AND GOALS AND TO ENCOURAGE DEMOCRATIC PROCESSES. THE COMMITTEE BELIEVES IT ALSO IMPORTANT THAT A YOUTH PROGRAM SUPPORT STRONG BILATERAL RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES THROUGH TRADE AND INVESTMENT.

4. RESOURCES:

MILITARY TRAINING PROGRAMS 30 PERCENT
AID TRAINING PROGRAMS 25 PERCENT
USIS CULTURAL/ INFORMATION PROGRAMS 15 PERCENT
CU EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL GRANTS 10 PERCENT
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CU ACADEMIC GRANTS TO STUDENTS 10 PERCENT
CU GRANTS TO LECTURING PROFESSORS 5 PERCENT
CU INTERNATIONAL VISITOR GRANTS 5 PERCENT

THE YOUTH COMMITTEE WRESTLED WITH THIS PROBLEM AND DECIDED TO ASSIGN INTERNATIONAL VISITOR TRAVEL GRANTS ONLY A WEIGHT OF 5 PERCENT

BECAUSE IT HAS BEEN OUR EXPERIENCE THAT THESE GRANTS ARE USED ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY FOR PERSONS EXCLUDED BY THE DEFINITION OF YOUTH IN REFTTEL. WE ASSIGNED A WEIGHT OF 30 PERCENT FOR MILITARY TRAINING BECAUSE THE MILITARY HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE PRIME CONSTITUENCY OF THE GOVERNMENT AND IS ALWAYS IN FAVOR OF STRONG RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES.

AID GRANTS ALMOST INVARIABLY GO TO YOUNG TECHNICAL PEOPLE WHO IN THE LONG RUN MAY HAVE DECISIVE INFLUENCE OVER A PARTICULAR ISSUE. USIS CULTURAL AND INFORMATIONAL PROGRAMS HAVE A LARGE YOUTH AUDIENCE. CU EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL GRANTS INVARIABLY GO TO YOUNG PEOPLE AS DO THE FULL YEAR ACADEMIC GRANTS TO FOREIGN STUDENTS. THE YOUTH COMMITTEE ALSO HAD A DIFFICULT TIME IN DECIDING ON THE MERITS OF THE FULL YEAR GRANT TO A LECTURING PROFESSOR. THE COMMITTEE'S DECISION WAS BASED ON THE FACT THAT US FOREIGN POLICY IS AS DIVERSE AS THE AMERICAN SOCIETY. ALL TOO OFTEN, BOLIVIANS HAVE A ONE SIDED VIEW OF THE UNITED STATES THAT IS DIFFICULT TO CORRECT EVEN WITH THE FINEST INFORMATIONAL PROGRAMS. HOWEVER, A VISITING PROFESSOR IS SURE NOT ONLY TO IMPART AMERICAN GOALS WHICH HE HAS INTERNALIZED BUT ALSO TO EXPLAIN THE DIVERSITY OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY, IN A WAY WHICH CANNOT HELP BUT BE BENEFICIAL
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5. IMPORTANCE OF YOUTH: LOW.

THE YOUTH COMMITTEE BELIEVES THAT YOUTH AS A CATEGORY HAS LITTLE IMPORTANCE IN BOLIVIAN SOCIETY. THEY DO NOT HAVE ANY IDENTIFIABLE COHESION OR GROUP CONSCIOUSNESS EXCEPT WHILE THEY ARE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS. YOUNG PEOPLE WHO HAVE LEADERSHIP POTENTIAL ARE ALREADY IN POSITIONS WHICH REFLECT THIS POTENTIAL IN EITHER BUSINESS, LABOR, THE MILITARY OR THE GOVERNMENT. SINCE THE UNIVERSITIES HAVE BEEN

REORGANIZED, EVEN THE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS ARE OF MARGINAL
IMPORTANCE
TO THE BOLIVIAN SOCIETY.

6. MISSION WORKLOAD:

A. PERSONNEL TIME: 5 PERCENT AND FORTY MAN- MONTHS PER YEAR

B. CONTACT WORK 75 PERCENT
REPORTING 5 PERCENT
PROGRAM WORK 20 PERCENT

C. STATE 30 PERCENT
USIS 30 PERCENT
AID 20 PERCENT
DOD 20 PERCENT
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D. CU BUDGET 50 PERCENT
USIS BUDGET 30 PERCENT
AID BUDGET 15 PERCENT
MAP BUDGET 20 PERCENT

7 COMMENT: THE COUNTRY TEAM APPRECIATES THE OPPORTUNITY PROVIDED
BY THIS EXERCISE TO REVIEW ITS YOUTH PROGRAMS AND GOALS. HOWEVER, IT
IS ITS CONSIDERED OPINION THAT BOLIVIAN YOUTH PER SE HAS LITTLE
IMPORTANCE FOR THE UNITED STATES. UNIVERSITY STUDENTS, WHICH TEND
TO IDENTIFY THEMSELVES AS A GROUP, HAVE BEEN LESS IMPORTANT AND
CANNOT BE CONTACTED EASILY OTHER THAN BY YOUNG OFFICERS.
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